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TO: Members of Senate Public Health, Welfare and Safety

FROM: Sandy Jankowski, volunteer advocate AARP Montana *Sandra A. Jankowski*

RE: Support for SB 206 Health Insurance Incentives for Medicaid Workers

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Sandy Jankowski, volunteer advocate for AARP Montana. AARP Montana is a non-profit, non-partisan organization with 153,000 members in this state. I am here today in support of SB 206 and its goal to assure that Medicaid healthcare workers have health coverage for themselves and their families.

Health insurance coverage is a top priority for our membership. SB 206 is an incremental step to assure that our health care workers who care for some of our most vulnerable population have health care coverage themselves. If we want a quality workforce of health care workers to care for our rapidly aging population, health insurance is an essential benefit to retain dedicated employees.

Montana must continue to address its high rate of uninsured citizens (nearly 20%) and SB 206 is a step in that direction. I urge your committee to approve SB 206.